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PRICE, \$2 PER MONTH.



Mails.



STEAM FOR  
SINGAPORE, PENANG, COLOMBO,  
ADEN, SUEZ, PORT SAID,  
MALTA, MARSEILLES, GIBRALTAR,  
BRINDISI, ANCONA, VENICE,  
TRISTE, PLYMOUTH AND  
LONDON;

ALSO,  
BOMBAY, MADRAS, CALCUTTA, AND  
AUSTRALIA.

N.B.—Cargo can be taken on through Bills  
of Lading for BATAVIA, PERSIAN  
GULF, PORTS, MARSEILLES,  
TRISTE, HAMBURG, NEW YORK  
AND BOSTON.

THE PENINSULAR AND ORIENTAL STEAM  
NAVIGATION COMPANY's Steamship  
NEPAUL, Captain ALBERTON, with  
for Majesty's Mails, will be despatched  
from this for LONDON direct, via SUEZ  
CANAL and usual Ports of Call, on  
THURSDAY, 27th August, at 4 p.m.

Cargo will be received on board until  
10 a.m. on the day of sailing.  
Parcels and Specie (Gold) at the Office  
until 10 a.m. on the day of sailing.

For further Particulars regarding  
Freight and Passage, apply to the  
PENINSULAR & ORIENTAL STEAM NAVIGA-  
TION COMPANY's Office, Hongkong.

The Contents and Value of Packages are  
required to be declared prior to shipment.  
Shippers are particularly requested to  
note the terms and conditions of the Com-  
pany's Bills of Lading.

Passengers desirous of insuring their bag-  
gage can do so on application at the Com-  
pany's Office.

This steamer calls at MARSEILLES.

A. MCIVIER, Superintendent.  
Hongkong, August 18, 1885. 1407

NOTICE.

COMPAGNIE DES MESSAGERIES  
MARITIMES.

PAQUEBOT POSTE FRANCAIS.

STEAM FOR  
SAIGON, SINGAPORE, BATAVIA,  
COLOMBO, PONDICHERY,  
MADRAS, CALCUTTA, ADEN, SUEZ,  
PORT SAID.

SEA PORTS,  
NAPLES, MARSEILLES, AND PORTS  
OF BRAZIL, AND LA PLATA;

BORDEAUX, LE HAVRE, DUNKIRK,  
LONDON AND ANTWERP.

ON THURSDAY, the 3rd September,  
1885, at noon, the Company's  
S.S. MATELLA, Commandant SIR  
WILLIAM MAULS, PASSENGERS, SPECIE  
AND CARGO, will leave the Port for the  
above places.

Cargo and Specie will be registered for  
London as well as for Marseilles, and no  
charge in transit through Marseilles for the  
principal places of Europe.

Shipping Orders will be granted until  
Noon.

Cargo will be received on board until 4  
p.m. Specie and Parcels until 3 p.m. on  
the 2nd September, 1885. (Parcels are not  
to be sent on board; they must be left at  
the Agency's Office.)

Contents and value of Packages are re-  
quired.

For further particulars, apply at the  
Company's Office.

G. DE CHAMPEAUX,  
Agent.

Hongkong, August 22, 1885. 1445

Occidental & Oriental Steam-  
Ship Company.

PAKING CARGO AND PASSENGERS  
TO JAPAN, THE UNITED  
STATES, MEXICO, CENTRAL AND  
SOUTH AMERICA, AND EUROPE,

THE OVERLAND RAILWAYS,  
AND ATLANTIC & OTHER CONNECTING  
STEAMERS.

THE Steamer OCEANIC will be  
dispatched for San Francisco, via  
Yokohama, on TUESDAY, the 5th  
September, at 3 p.m.

Connection being made at Yokohama, with  
Steamers from Shanghai and Japan ports.

All Parcel Packages should be marked to  
address in full; and same will be received  
at the Company's Office, until 5 p.m. the  
day previous to sailing.

RETURN PASSENGERS.—Passengers, who  
have paid full fare, re-embarking at San  
Francisco for China or Japan (or vice versa),  
within six months, will be allowed a discount  
of 20% from Return Fare; if re-embarking  
within one year, an allowance of 10% will  
be made from Return Fare. Pre-Paid Re-  
turn Passage Orders, available for one year, will  
be issued at a Discount of 25% from Return Fare.  
These allowances do not apply to  
the Hotel.

Complaints in regard to cargo, who  
destined to port by San Francisco, should  
be made to the Company's Office, and  
addressed to the Collector of Customs, San  
Francisco.

For further information as to Freight  
or Passage, apply to the Agent of the  
Company, No. 504, Queen's Road Central,  
C. D. HARSHMAN,  
Acting Agent.

Hongkong, August 22, 1885. 1441

Sailing Vessels.

FOR SAN FRANCISCO.  
The 3/8 L.I.L. British Barque  
Marquis of Lorne, Master, will load  
here for the above Port, and  
will have quick despatch.

For Freight, apply to  
RUSSELL & Co.

Hongkong, August 14, 1885. 1384

FOR NEW YORK.  
The 3/8 L.I.L. American Barque  
Penobscot, Master, will load  
here for the above Port, and  
will have quick despatch.

For Freight, apply to  
RUSSELL & Co.

Hongkong, July 14, 1885. 1189

NOTICE.

QUEEN FIRE INSURANCE COM-  
PANY.

THE Undersigned are prepared to accept  
Claims on First Class Goods at a  
per cent. less premium per annum.

NORTON & Co., Agents.

Hongkong, May 19, 1881. 983

NORTH BRITISH & MERCANTILE  
INSURANCE COMPANY.

THE Undersigned, Agents of the above  
Company, are authorized to insure  
against FIRE at Current Rates.

GILMAN & Co.

Hongkong, January 1, 1882. 14

## Intimations.

## For Sale.

### LANE, CRAWFORD & Co.

HAVE RECEIVED A NEW SUPPLY OF

### SUMMER GOODS

#### IN THEIR OUTFITTING DEPARTMENT.

Consisting of—

GENTLEMEN'S UNDERSHIRTS and DRAWERS in every variety of Material  
suitable for hot climates.

LAWN TENNIS SHIRTS thoroughly shrunk.

The 'ASCOT' SUMMER WASHING SCARF.

Washing SILK SCARVES and TIES, in new shape.

'TERAI' ZEPHYR FEET, and STRAW HATS.

The 'FORBES' WATSON' Patent FEET SUN HELMET.

Calcutta FIFTH SUN HATS and HELMETS.

Summer BOOTS and SHOES, TENNIS SHOES.

New SWIMMING COLLARS and BATHING DRAWERS.

French and Irish CAMBRIC HANDKERCHIEFS.

Fine LONG-CLOTH SHIRTS for Summer wear.

Extra Thin RAIN COATS, warranted WATERPROOF.

The 'ACME' Patent Ventilated RAIN COAT.

The 'CLIMAX' SILK UMBRELLA, wear guaranteed.

White COTTON SUN UMBRELLAS.

LANE, CRAWFORD & Co. have the largest Stock in Hongkong of GENTLEMEN'S

HOSEERY and OUTFITTING of all kinds; their Selection is kept up by

frequent parcels of all the Novelties as they appear in London.

LANE, CRAWFORD & Co. 1071

Hongkong, June 25, 1885.

### ROBERT LANG & Co.,

Tailors, Hatters, Shirtmakers & General Outfitters,  
QUEEN'S ROAD (OPPOSITE HONGKONG HOTEL).

HAVE RECEIVED THEIR FIRST SHIPMENT  
of

### AUTUMN TWEEDS AND COATINGS

in all the

#### NEW MATERIALS.

Hongkong, July 30, 1885. 1288

W. POWELL & Co.

EX STEAMSHIP TELEMAKHUS.

A SPLENDID PARCEL OF HOUSEHOLD REQUIREMENTS,  
containing—

The Patent Sanitary Wire Wove Mat-

TERSSES, all sizes.

FENDERS and FIRE IRONS.

GIPSY TABLES.

QUEEN ANN TABLES.

CURTAIN CHAINS.

CURTAIN CORDS and TASSELS.

CURTAINES, now patterns.

MIRRORS of all kinds.

McINTOSH'S EIDER DOWN GOODS.

BILLIARD CLOTH.

SPATTERS, all sizes.

SHADES CREWEL SILK and WOOL.

HONGKONG, JULY 27, 1885. 1262

NOTICE.

FOR the Convenience of Customers, the

Productions of the CHINA SUGAR,  
REFINERY COMPANY, LIMITED, will be  
forwarded by RETAIL, at the same

prices as at the RETAIL, or Retail  
Orchard, at addresses in

town on applicants forwarding their Monthly  
Requirements in writing direct to the

RETAILER at East Point.

JARDINE, MATHESON & Co.,  
General Agents.

Hongkong, July 27, 1885. 1262

NOTES.

CHAS. J. GAUFP & Co.,

Chromometer, Watch & Clock Makers,

Jewellers, Gold & Silversmiths,

NAUTICAL SCIENTIFIC AND  
METEOROLOGICAL INSTRUMENTS.

VOIGTLANDER'S CELESTIAL  
BINOCULARS and TELESCOPES.

RUBIN'S LIQUID and OTHER COMPASSES.

ADMIRALY and IMRAY CHARTS.

English, Silver & Electro-PlatedWARE.

Christofle & Co.'s Electro-PlatedWARE.

GOLD & SILVER JEWELLERY,

in great variety.

DIA MONDS AND DIAMOND JEWELLERY,

A Splendid Collection of the Latest LONDON  
PATTERNS, at very moderate prices. 742

HONGKONG, JULY 27, 1885. 1262

NOTICE TO SHAREHOLDERS.

THE First Annual General MEETING

OF SHAREHOLDERS in the Company

will be held at the HONGKONG HOTEL

on SATURDAY, the 29th Instant, at 3 o'clock in the Afternoon, for the purpose

of receiving a Report of the Directors, together with Statement of Accounts to 30th

AUGUST PROXIMO.

The Object of the Meeting is Special.

DUNN, MELBYE & Co.

HONGKONG, JULY 27, 1885. 1283

NOTICE TO SHAREHOLDERS.

WITH the Object of Revising the

SHARE LIST of the above Company as also the LIST of HOLDERS of the

STEAMERS Luzzu, Visaya and Estrella, under the Angel Ortiz Cession to the late

FOR SALE.		Insurances.		Intimations.		To-day's Advertisements.		PASSENGERS ARRIVED.		MEMOS. FOR TO-MORROW Shipping.	
MacEWEN, FRICKEL & Co. VICTORIA EXCHANGE, ARE NOW LANDING DEVOE'S NONPAREIL KEROSINE OIL.		THE STRAITS INSURANCE COMPANY, LIMITED.		Thirteenth Volume of the CHINA REVIEW.		HONGKONG & SHANGHAI BANKING CORPORATION.		Per Smit, from Singapore, 22 Chinese. Per Doris, from Swatow, 11 Chinese. Per Steator, from Shanghai, &c., 37 Chinese.		Noon.—Fokien leaves for Swatow. 5 p.m.—Ching-wo leaves for London.	
FAIRBANK'S SCALES.		THE Undersigned having been appointed Agents for the above Company are prepared to GRANT POLICIES on MARINE RISKS to all parts of the World, at current rates.		ARNHOLD, KARBERG & CO. Hongkong, November 5, 1883.		THE DIVIDEND declared for the Half-Year ending 30th June last, at the Rate of 4% Two Pounds STERLING per SHARE of \$125, is PAYABLE on and after TUESDAY, the 25th August current, at the OFFICES of the Corporation, where SHAREHOLDERS are requested to apply for WARRANTS.		Per Hazeaton, from Amoy, Capt. Jansen, and 6 Chinese. Per Ching Wo, from Shanghai, &c., 200 Chinese. Per Triumph, from Haiphong, 12 Chinese. Per Steator, from Yokohama, Col. and two Misses Walker, Col. and Mrs. Graves, Messrs. Cowan, F. A. Santolan and native servant, Lum Yung Far, C. Palanca, Wong Leung, F. Murray, Lt. F. B. Gilmore, and Wu Chow-Tai, and 18 Chinese.		Miscellaneous. Dividend of £2 on Shares of the H. K. and Sh. Banking Corp., payable.	
COOKING STOVES. AGATE IRON WARE. WAFFLE IRONS. CASH and PAPER BOXES. KEROSINE STUDY LAMPS.		SINGAPORE INSURANCE COMPANY, LIMITED.		Now Ready.		By Order of the Court of Directors,		T. JACKSON, Chief Manager.		General Memoranda.	
CORNMEAL. HOMINY. Cracked WHEAT. Cranberry SAUCE. Stuffed PEPPERS. MACKEREL. American HAMS and BACON. Prime YORK HAMS.		ADAMSON, BELL & Co., Agents.		HEAD OFFICE—SINGAPORE.		Hongkong, August 24, 1883. 1448		TO LET.		THURSDAY, August 27.— Goods per Steamer Yung-tse undelivered after Noon subject to rent and landing charges at 1 cent per package per day.	
REDUCTION OF EASTERN RATES.		POLICIES Issued on the spot for any sum up to £5,000.		EXAMPLE:		BELVUE, Kowloon, with GARDEN and TENNIS COURT attached. Entry at once.		FRIDAY, August 28.— Transfer Books of the Hongkong Hotel Company, Ltd., closed from this date to 11th September, inclusive.		SUNDAY, August 29.— 3 p.m.—Meeting of Shareholders of the Hongkong Steam Laundry Co., Ltd., at Hongkong Hotel.	
WINEs, &c.		1882. GRAVES, " BREAKFAST CLARET, "		HOLLIDAY, WISE & Co., Agents.		Apply to G. C. ANDERSON, 13, Praya Central.		4 p.m.—Meeting of Shareholders of the Hongkong Hotel Company, Ltd., Hongkong Hotel.		WEDNESDAY, September 30.— Statement of Business with the Hongkong and Whampoa Dock Co., Ltd., to be sent in before this date.	
SACCONE'S MANZANILLA & AMONTELLADO.		LANCASHIRE INSURANCE COMPANY.		REDUCTION OF EASTERN RATES.		Hongkong, August 24, 1883. 1447		TO DEPART.		THE HONGKONG DISPENSARY. Established A.D. 1841.	
SACCONE'S OLD INVALID PORT. HUNT'S PORT. 1 and 3-star HENNESSY'S BRANDY. COURVOISIER'S BRANDY. OLD BOURBON WHISKY. BURKE'S OLD IRISH WHISKY. KINAHAN'S LIQUOR WHISKY. ROYAL GLENDEE WHISKY. BOORD'S OLD TOM GIN. JAMESON'S IRISH WHISKY. MARSALA. CHARTREUSE. MARASCHINO. CURACAO. &c., &c., &c.		HOLLIDAY, WISE & Co., Agents.		REDUCTION OF EASTERN RATES.		SHIPPING.		Per Welcome, for Singapore, &c., Mrs. Corfield and family, and Mrs. Hackie.		THE HONGKONG DISPENSARY. Established A.D. 1841.	
TEA.		THE LONDON ASSURANCE.		THE LONDON ASSURANCE.		ARRIVALS.		Per Welcombe, for Singapore, &c., Mrs. Corfield and family, and Mrs. Hackie.		A. S. WATSON & Co., FAMILY & DISPENSING CHEMIST.	
EXTRA CHOICEST NEW SEASON'S SOUCHONG, in 5 and 10 Catty Boxes.		INCORPORATED BY ROYAL CHARTER OF His Majesty King George The First, A.D. 1720.		NOTICE TO SHIPPERS.		August 23, 1883.		Per Belcher, for Singapore, &c., Mrs. Corfield and family, and Mrs. Hackie.		WHOLESALE AND RETAIL DRUGGISTS, IMPORTERS OF DRUGGISTS' SUNDRIES, NURSERY REQS. SITES, TOILET REQUISITES, ENGLISH, AMERICAN, AND FRENCH PATENT MEDICINES.	
OILMAN'S STORES, at the lowest possible prices FOR CASH.		T HE Undersigned having been appointed Agents for the above Corporation are prepared to grant Insurances as follows:		THE Colonial Press supplied with News-papers, Books, Types, Ink, Presses, Papers, Correspondents, Letters; and any European Goods on London terms.		SHIPPING REPORTS.		Per Belcher, for Singapore, &c., Mrs. Corfield and family, and Mrs. Hackie.		MANUFACTURERS OF Soda Water, Lemonade, Tonic Water, Gingerade, Potash Water, Sarsaparilla Water, and other Aerated Waters.	
MacEWEN, FRICKEL & Co.		Fire Department.		NOTICE TO SHIPPERS.		The British steamer Steator reports: Had variable winds and fine weather throughout. Arrived at Swatow on the 18th, and left on the 22nd.		Per Belcher, for Singapore, &c., Mrs. Corfield and family, and Mrs. Hackie.		The Manufacture is under direct continuous European Supervision.	
Hongkong, July 1, 1883. 1105		Policies issued for long or short periods at current rates.		Colonial Newspapers received at the office are regularly filed for the inspection of Advertisers and the Public.		Hongkong, July 22, 1885.		Per Belcher, for Singapore, &c., Mrs. Corfield and family, and Mrs. Hackie.		Hongkong, June 1, 1876.	
FOR SALE.		LIFE DEPARTMENT.		THE LONDON ASSURANCE.		POST OFFICE NOTICES.		The British steamer Ching-wo reports: Left Amoy on the 22nd inst., at 4.50 p.m., had light N.E. and S.W. winds to Ninepins; thence to port heavy squalls with thunder and vivid lightning.		The British steamer Ching-wo reports: Left Amoy on the 22nd inst., at 4.50 p.m., had light N.E. and S.W. winds to Ninepins; thence to port heavy squalls with thunder and vivid lightning.	
JULES MUMM & Co.'s CHAMPAGNE, Quarts.....\$20 per Case of 1 doz. Pints.....\$21 " 2 "		HOLLIDAY, WISE & Co., Agents.		THE LONDON ASSURANCE.		MAILS will close:		For SWATOW.—		The British steamer Steator reports: Had variable winds and fine weather throughout. Arrived at Swatow on the 18th, and left on the 22nd.	
Dubos Frères & de Geron & Co.'s BORDEAUX CLARETS AND WHITE WINES.		Fire Department.		NOTICE TO SHIPPERS.		For SWATOW.—		Per Ching-wo, at 11.30 a.m., on Tuesday, the 26th inst.		For SINGAPORE AND LONDON.—	
Baxter's Celebrated 'Barley Bree' WHISKY, \$7 per Case of 1 doz.		Policies issued for sums not exceeding £5,000 at reduced rates.		Colonial Newspapers received at the office are regularly filed for the inspection of Advertisers and the Public.		Per Ching-wo, at 4.30 p.m., on Tuesday, the 26th inst.		Per Ching-wo, at 4.30 p.m., on Tuesday, the 26th inst.		For HOIHOW AND HAIPHONG.—	
GIBB, LIVINGSTON & Co.		Policies issued for long or short periods at current rates.		NOTICE TO SHIPPERS.		Per Ching-wo, at 4.30 p.m., on Tuesday, the 26th inst.		Per Ching-wo, at 4.30 p.m., on Tuesday, the 26th inst.		For HOIHOW AND HAIPHONG.—	
Hongkong, July 18, 1884. 1187		WASHING BOOKS. (In English and Chinese.)		THE CHINA SHIPPERS MUTUAL STEAM NAVIGATION COMPANY, LIMITED.		Per Ching-wo, at 4.30 p.m., on Tuesday, the 26th inst.		Per Ching-wo, at 4.30 p.m., on Tuesday, the 26th inst.		For SAIGON.—	
FOR SALE.		WASHING BOOKS. (In English and Chinese.)		THE CHINA SHIPPERS MUTUAL STEAM NAVIGATION COMPANY, LIMITED.		Per Ching-wo, at 4.30 p.m., on Tuesday, the 26th inst.		Per Ching-wo, at 4.30 p.m., on Tuesday, the 26th inst.		For NAGASAKI, KOBE AND YOKOHAMA.—	
A STEAM LAUNCH, 60 feet Long, 11 feet 9 inches Beam, very light draught.		THE CHINA SHIPPERS MUTUAL STEAM NAVIGATION COMPANY, LIMITED.		NOTICE TO SHIPPERS.		Per Ching-wo, at 4.30 p.m., on Tuesday, the 26th inst.		Per Ching-wo, at 4.30 p.m., on Tuesday, the 26th inst.		For NAGASAKI, KOBE AND YOKOHAMA.—	
For further Particulars, apply to A. G. GORDON & Co., Boulton Foundry, East Point.		VIA SUEZ CANAL.		NOTICE TO SHIPPERS.		Per Ching-wo, at 4.30 p.m., on Tuesday, the 26th inst.		Per Ching-wo, at 4.30 p.m., on Tuesday, the 26th inst.		For NAGASAKI, KOBE AND YOKOHAMA.—	
Hongkong, August 14, 1885. 1395		THE CHINA SHIPPERS MUTUAL STEAM NAVIGATION COMPANY, LIMITED.		NOTICE TO SHIPPERS.		Per Ching-wo, at 4.30 p.m., on Tuesday, the 26th inst.		Per Ching-wo, at 4.30 p.m., on Tuesday, the 26th inst.		For NAGASAKI, KOBE AND YOKOHAMA.—	
FOR SALE.		THE CHINA SHIPPERS MUTUAL STEAM NAVIGATION COMPANY, LIMITED.		NOTICE TO SHIPPERS.		Per Ching-wo, at 4.30 p.m., on Tuesday, the 26th inst.		Per Ching-wo, at 4.30 p.m., on Tuesday, the 26th inst.		For NAGASAKI, KOBE AND YOKOHAMA.—	
A HOUSE at the PEAK, with Large TENNIS GROUND attached. A good View of the Harbour and out to Sea. Apply to 'PEAK' o/o. This Office.		THE CHINA SHIPPERS MUTUAL STEAM NAVIGATION COMPANY, LIMITED.		NOTICE TO SHIPPERS.		Per Ching-wo, at 4.30 p.m., on Tuesday, the 26th inst.		Per Ching-wo, at 4.30 p.m., on Tuesday, the 26th inst.		For NAGASAKI, KOBE AND YOKOHAMA.—	
Hongkong, April 11, 1885. 614		NOTICE TO SHIPPERS.		NOTICE TO SHIPPERS.		Per Ching-wo, at 4.30 p.m., on Tuesday, the 26th inst.		Per Ching-wo, at 4.30 p.m., on Tuesday, the 26th inst.		For NAGASAKI, KOBE AND YOKOHAMA.—	
NOW READY.		THE REVENUE OF CHINA.		SHARE LIST.—QUOTATIONS.		AUGUST 24, 1885.		The following hours are observed in closing Mails, &c., by the British Contract Packet.		THE SOUPAN.	
A SERIES OF ARTICLES Reprinted from 'The China Mail.'		WITH AN APPENDIX.		THE REVENUE OF CHINA.		Day of Departure.		London, August 21st.		London, August 21st.	
THIS PAMPHLET is Now Ready, and may be had at the OFFICE OF THIS PAPER, Messrs. LANE, CRAWFORD & Co.'s, Messrs. KELLY & WALSH, and Mr. W. BREWER.		NOTES.		AUGUST 24, 1885.		Noon.—Money Order Office closes.		Prince Henry has summoned to his		The Garrison of Krasnaya has come	
Price, 50 Cents.		NOTES.		2 p.m.—Registry of Letters ceases.							

## THE CHINA MAIL.

Fresh N.W. to S.W. winds are expected here. The telegraphic communication with the Observatory is interrupted.

"TARTER," in the Singapore Free Press says:

"So the *Revoir* has left to do a little bit of annexation! We are a wonderful people. Nothing likes the average Briton more than to be told by some importunate foreigner that we are always 'on the grab.' But the accusation is quite true. In this case, no harm will be done to anybody as the Coconuts have been owned by British subjects for many a long year past. Rumour has it that somebody else went and hoisted another flag, and that the sole representative of the Union Jack therewith went for him and summarily abolished the usurper, writing up here at the same time to suggest that, to prevent accident, a pucca 'Jack' had better be sent down there. Query for the average Singapore resident—Where are the Coconuts Islands referred to? I may mention that there are two groups of the same name, situated a few hundred miles apart."

The *Shin-Pao* of 13th August in a leading article on the drain of China's wealth denies that the present want of funds is due to the balance of trade having been against China ever since the ports were opened or to the natural expenses of the war with France. The four causes that really drain the treasury are: (1) the lekin branch barriers, which are made a source of squeeze, the people without benefiting the state; (2) the avarice of the whole body of officials, who in these degenerate days esteem office only as means for the unscrupulous collection of private fortunes; (3) the useless regular army that costs millions and cannot put one man in the field, as the officers think only of enjoying the wages of imaginary soldiers and never condescend to drill; (4) the system of purchasing foreign arms at an overcharge of 50 or 60 per cent. and machinery for arsenals and manufactories from greedy agents through neophytes, who, as long as they get their profit on a transaction, never think of examining the guns, etc., purchased so dear.

All this is very true, but who will find and carry out the remedy—properly paid officials and honesty and zeal in the public service.

Says the Singapore Free Press:—It has been stated in Singapore that the four guns purchased by the military authorities in England for our forts from the Chinese Government are Krupp guns, and quite unsuited for the purpose, as they would require special ammunition, had foreign sights, and for various other reasons were a gigantic "job." Although we did not credit it at all, and thought that the Director of Ordnance in England had, possibly, some knowledge of his business, we asked that enquiry should be made, and the result is that it is ascertained beyond a doubt that the four guns purchased from the Chinese Government are Armstrong guns and not Krupp guns; they are lying at the Kowloon Docks in Hongkong, and will be sent here as soon as a military board has sat upon them and certain formalities are complied with. This is a good example of the unsatisfactory nature of the attacks that are made from time to time upon what is being done to complete our fortifications, and much that is said only requires to be enquired into, to be dispelled as this is now.

YESTERDAY afternoon the Colony was visited by a very violent wind squall, which came on with a suddenness and rapidity most unusual. A little after 3 p.m. the sky to the north-east became overcast by black and threatening clouds and in a few minutes violent gusts of wind burst over the harbour, succeeding one another with increasing force. In a few minutes a heavy and choppy sea was raised in the harbour, and the small craft lying alongside or a little way out were thrown into utter confusion, and the occupants exposed to the most serious danger. After the first few gusts, torrents of rain accompanied the wind, which afterwards dropped almost as suddenly as it had arisen, and was followed by a thunderstorm.

During the short time that the squall lasted a perfect panic reigned amongst the boat-people, and their cries could be heard above the roar of the wind all along the harbour front. No time was allowed the sampans and cargo boats to get into a place of safety and a number of the former were capsized or smashed by the violence with which they were driven together or against the wharves and Praya Wall. Assistance was rendered by many of the community who had gathered on the Praya to the unfortunate inhabitants of the small craft and many lives which would undoubtedly have been lost were thus saved. During the height of the squall a sampan with eight Chinese occupants was driven amongst the rocks to the east of Keelung's Island and there capsized. The occupants of the sampan were rescued from the water with considerable difficulty by Mount Atkins and Dale, of the Commissariat Dept., we believe, the latter receiving rather severe injuries to his hands in the struggle in the surf.

The total amount of damage done can scarcely yet be estimated. Aishan-tai was a sailing junk was over-turned and three of the occupants, a woman and two children, who were in the hold, were drowned, the rest of the crew escaping by swimming. In the harbour a number of cargo boats and

sampans were more or less injured, principally by collision, and a steam-launch belonging to Messrs Blackhead & Co. was sunk close to the Douglas Co.'s wharf. A large cargo boat, loaded, was sunk at Wan-chun, near the East Point Sugar Refinery, but the crew were fortunately rescued. A gentleman who was a member of a party on board the steam launch *Koi-Hung* informs us that they were near the wreck of the *Catello* when the squall came upon them. The launch was nearly capsized in the first gust, but after cutting away the awning, they made for the Breakwater at Causeway Bay, and succeeded in getting into shelter. They saw several fishing junks capsized in the Ly-ae-moon Pass, and spoke the Captain of the S.S. *Cusco*, lying off Quarry Bay, who reported having picked up four Chinese from a capsized junk.

Mr W. H. R. Mossop, who was in a canoe in the harbour when the squall came on, had a very narrow escape. The canoe capsized and left him struggling in the water, from which he was fortunately rescued in time by a passing boat.

In the Western districts and at Kowloon little damage was done, as the force of the squall was directed towards the north and east of the island. At Yau-mau-tai a large matched, erected by the Chinese for joss purposes, was lifted bodily into the air and blown away, and the Police matched at the Peak has, we hear, suffered a similar fate.

It is to be feared from the number of small craft which were upset or broken up, more loss of life has occurred than has up to the present been reported; a few days will probably bring to light all the serious casualties which have occurred.

The officers of both the Mitsu Bishi Kaisha and the Kyodo Unyu Kaisha have agreed to the main conditions of the proposed amalgamation, but the final issue depends upon the decision of the shareholders of the latter company, whose general meeting is to take place on the 13th instant. Some of the latter's staff were at first strongly opposed to the present proposition, but have finally accepted it.

We are surprised, says a contemporary, that more notice has not been taken in the papers of the following noble action:

"The coal famine at St. Petersburg, with the demand for coals for the Russian navy, led to inquiries and large purchases in England. In reply to an application to Messrs Ellis, Lever, and Co., of Manchester, for 20,000 tons of steam coal for immediate delivery at Russian ports, when war seemed imminent, the patriotic coal-merchants replied:—'We decline to sell a ton of coal for Russia at the present time at any price.'

The Singapore Free Press understands that arrangements are being made for the establishment of a Parcel Post between the United Kingdom and the Straits Settlements to be conducted entirely by the Post Office. The postage will be much less than the rate now charged, and parcels will be forwarded to and from all parts of the United Kingdom without extra charge. The Press mentions the matter now, as it believes the new service will be working by the time orders sent home will reach their destination. Cannot our Postmaster General do something to get this valuable system extended to Hongkong?

The Ladies' Lawn Tennis Club Tournament at Singapore, was brought to a close on the 13th instant when the final ties of the Championship and the Consolation Handicaps were played. The former was won by Miss Denney, who beat Mrs. Dare, the Champion of the last Tournament, by two sets to love. Mrs. Clement Smith kindly presented the prize to the winners at the close of the play. The Straits Times say the Club may be congratulated on a very successful tournament. The weather has been exceptionally favourable, the ground in good order, and attendance of members and their friends large.

WHEN the St. Petersburg Government, says the *Pioneer*, shares the dread which Russian Generals have expressed of conflict with China, we cannot say. But the feeling is certainly not reciprocated by the Chinese. They are no respecters of the persons of such Russians as cross the frontier to mind in the Chinese Gold-fields at Aigun. A large body of troops is stationed there with strict orders which they strictly carry out to chop off the heads of every foreigner, i.e., Russian, whom they come across. To this somewhat unneighborly course of procedure, Russia has resorted by an order forbidding Russian subjects to cross the frontier. The prohibition should be, under the circumstances, rather unnecessary.

Mr. Billington, Chief Clerk of the Singapore Gas Company, was brought up before Mr. Penney, Magistrate at Singapore, on the 14th inst. He was charged, firstly, with forging the names of Messrs. W. H. Read and W. T. Batten to a cheque and passing the same on the Chartered Bank of India, Australia and China; and, secondly, with having loaded firearms in his possession without having a permit for the same. He pleaded guilty to both charges. Messrs. W. H. Read, Chairman, and W. T. Batten, Manager of the Gas Company, Chief Inspector Newland, Police Sergeant Kean, and the Sheriff of the Chartered Bank gave evidence for the prosecution. The prisoner was undefended. The gist of the evidence was as follows:

On the morning of the 13th instant, Mr. Billington presented a cheque for £473.63 at the Chartered Bank of India, Australia and China, and one of the Sheriffs paid him. After he had left the bank, the cheque was found not to bear the true signatures of Messrs. Read and Batten, and the Sheriff sent off to Mr. Read's office to look for the prisoner. He was not there, but was soon found over Chong Bridge in a hawker's stall and followed. When the Sheriff reached his carriage and told him to stop, he presented a revolver at his (the Sheriff's) head, and told his driver to drive on. He was seen to enter the hotel as a Pax. Police Sergeant Kean, who had been called for at the Police Station, had been sent to the hotel. He was dressed in the usual way, and went to the Sheriff in the hotel. He at last dis-

covered the prisoner, who had been hiding in a tub of water in the ladies' bathing room. He asked him for the revolver he had, and he gave it up. He seemed to be suffering from the effects of drink. Messrs. Read and Batten confirmed the fact of the signatures being a forgery. After hearing all the evidence, Mr. Penney committed the prisoner to trial at the next assizes.

The *Bombay Guardian* understand that the headquarters of the Salvation Army are to be removed from Bombay to the Kennedy Caves, Salsette. These caves are in a secluded valley in Salsette Island, some eighteen miles from Bombay, and celebrated for their Buddhist sculptures and excavations. There are very many caves, of different sizes, and the place is said to have been the site of a Buddhist monastery in ancient times. At present the place and its vicinity are a jungle, as sequestered as any hermit could wish, so far as the visitor paid by travellers and archaeologists.

HONGKONG AND SHANGHAI BANKING CORPORATION, LIMITED.

The ordinary half yearly meeting of the shareholders of the Hongkong and Shanghai Banking Corporation, Limited, was held this afternoon in St. Andrew's Hall, City Hall. Among those present were: Hon. F. D. Sassoon, (Chairman); Messrs. A. McIver, C. D. Bottomley, H. L. Dalrymple, W. H. Forbes, M. Grote, H. Hoppius, A. P. MacEwan, and E. E. Saswood (Directors); Hon. T. Jackson (Chief Manager); Hon. P. Ryrie, Messrs. G. E. Noble, C. P. Chater, E. Georg, J. O. Hughes, J. Pitman, H. Kuhlmann, R. Fraser-Smith, H. Z. Just, E. H. Oxley, H. M. Bovis, H. R. Coombs, A. S. O'Brien, J. Th. Chater, H. N. Mody, P. Jordan, A. MacConachie, J. A. Monckley, J. M. Figueredo, and others.

The Chief Manager having read the notice convening the meeting,

The Chairman read the report, and then said:—Gentlemen, the accounts which accompany the report just read fully explain the position of the Bank's affairs, and I think you will agree with me that the result of the past half year's working has been most satisfactory. (Applause.) We have not experienced losses, but every bad and doubtful account has been fully provided for, and the policy of the Bank in this respect, so clearly explained to you by the previous Chairman last February, has been rigidly adhered to. (Applause.) With regard to the profits, it is very gratifying that, in addition to the usual dividend of two pounds per share, we are able, with your approval, to place £100,000 to the Reserve Fund, and £100,000 to the Equalization of Dividends Reserve, thus bringing the total up to £400,000 and £600,000 respectively.

(Applause.) My predecessor in the chair at the last yearly meeting referred in detail to the various loans negotiated with the Chinese Imperial Government, since we have floated on the London market two sterling loans for £1,500,000 and £2,500,000 respectively. Both these were eagerly taken up in London, with very satisfactory results to the Bank. (Applause.) And we do not hold a single bond in either. I would like to add for your information that the profits on these, as well as on the silver loans will be spread over their currency, and will be a considerable addition to our profit and our dividends during the next ten years. (Applause.) With regard to the three Silver Loans of 1882, the bank now holds £600,000 of the 'A' loan, none of 'B', and £1,000,000 of the 'C' loan in all, say £2,000,000; these are being disposed of as opportunity offers at the occasion. At the conclusion of the lunch the company adjourned to one of the lots, where the owners of the vessel had tables spread with cake and wine. Mr. Ross occupied the chair. The usual toasts were proposed and responded to, and a pleasant evening spent.

It is not expected that any more lorcha will be built, till the new steam lighter, expected shortly from home for the Scottish Oriental Co. has been tried. The class of vessel to be built in future will depend greatly on the results of these trials.

SUPREME COURT.

IN SUMMARY JURISDICTION.

(Before His Honour T. J. Ackroyd, Justice of the Peace.)

Judge.

Monday, Aug. 24.

HO SHING KO v. R. A. SCHOMBURG, \$349.65.

Mr Bowles, from the office of Messrs. Watson and Deacon, appeared for the plaintiff. Defendant did not appear.

In this case, the plaintiff, who is a merchant in Singapore, claims the ownership of some of the goods which he sold to the neighbouring residents on the 23rd inst.

Defendant admitted the charge, and was fined \$5.

(Before H. B. Wodehouse, Esq.)

MONDAY NOON.

THE NOISE SUITANCE.

Tom Shei Teng, of No. 4 Te-ping-shan mace, appeared on a summons taken out by Sergeant A. McDonald, charging him with playing noisy instruments to the nuisance of the neighbouring residents on the 23rd inst.

Defendant admitted the charge, and was fined \$5.

STREET SWINDLING.

Lai A Ng, a rice-merchant, was seen by P.C. Koon, Li Lo, loitering about in the street in a suspicious manner at 7 a.m. on the 23rd inst. The constable searched him and found some of his person a sham gold ring, four sham nuggets and a slate with characters written upon it to the effect that he was unable to hear the case under a writ of foreign attachment, until that was done the case was adjourned. Proof was given to-day that defendant was entitled to \$14 in the Hongkong and Shanghai Bank, and the evidence of plaintiff regarding the saving of the goods, and of Mr. G. E. Lamont, who sold a portion of them by auction, was taken. It will be able to present you with an equally favourable statement. Before proposing the adoption of the report and accounts I shall be glad to answer any questions or give any information. (Loud applause.)

Mr. Davis—I beg to second the motion. There being no question asked, the motion was put to the meeting, and carried unanimously.

The Chairman.—That closes the meeting. I thank you for your attention. The dividend warrant will be ready to issue now.

Just an instant, please, about to advise, Mr. Pitman was not said—would be represented by Mr. Oscar Brandt, who had his power of attorney.

Proceedings were commenced by Mr. Wilson, who said defendant had not appeared, he proposed to prove the claim and take judgment.

Mr. Brandt said he appeared for defendant.

Mr. Wilson objected to Mr. Brandt's appearance in the case, on the ground that there was no sufficient cause for defendant not appearing. He referred his Lordship to section 27 of the Code, page 184.

His Lordship—Why does defendant not appear?

Mr. Brandt—I attended the case last Monday, and showed you a doctor's certificate.

Mr. Wilson said defendant was seen in the Hongkong Hotel this morning. Notice had been served on him that plaintiff would object to any one appearing on his behalf.

M. D'Azevedo, one of Messrs. Watson and Deacon's clerks, was then called, and gave evidence to the effect that he had served the notice on defendant this morning when he had seen him smoking and reading in the Reading Room of the Hongkong Hotel.

Mr. Mody.—My Chairman and gentlemen, I propose a vote of thanks to the Chairman

and Directors for the able manner in which they have given the dividend and shown the report. (Laughter and Applause.)

The Chairman.—On behalf of the Board and myself, I thank you.

The meeting then dissolved.

## Bangkok.

(From Our Correspondent.)

BANGKOK, 12th August.

Last Saturday afternoon, the ceremony of unveiling the monument to the late Mr. Alabaster was performed. The deceased gentleman was for many years in the British Consular service, and afterwards the trusted and valued friend and adviser of H. M. the King. He died in August of last year, and by direction of His Majesty a handsome monument in marble in the Gothic style, was ordered from Europe by Mr. Grassi, architect, and erected by that gentleman in the foreign cemetery. In the centre of the monument was placed a bust, pronounced to be a life likeness of the late gentleman.

Mr. A. Stokes, Acting Crown Solicitor, appeared for the prosecution.

Lo Afai, a coolie living at Wong-nai-chong, near the race-course, was accused of killing one Lee Afok at Wong-nai-chong the 8th June, appeared again.

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